Grant of Sites to Harijans of Chikkonahalli

Q.—989. Sri C. T. HANUMANTHAIYA (Pavagada-Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

when the petition praying for the grant of sites for building houses for 12 families of Harijans of Chikkonahalli Village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, was received and the reason for not allotting the sites till now?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

The date of presentation of the petition is 3rd April 1941.

The sites were demarcated and distributed to the Adikarnataksa on 24th February 1954.

Statement by Minister on Question No. 332 (re. purchase of Copper Wire from Messrs. Unni & Co.)

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—Sir, I shall make a statement. Sir, it may be recalled that in replying to the supplementaries on Question No. 332 put by Sri M. V. Rama Rao on the 12th on the subject of the purchase of copper wire from Messrs. Unni & Co., I said that a copy of the written agreement will be placed on the table of the House. I have accordingly placed the following on the table of the House:—

(1) A copy of the letter dated 22nd November 1952 from the Chief Electrical Engineer to Messrs. Unni & Co., together with a copy of Local Order No. 5538 C.O.S. dated the 10th March 1952 to which the letter makes reference;

(2) A copy of the letter of acceptance dated 24th November 1952 from Messrs. Unni & Co. to the Chief Electrical Engineer.

A copy of the notice dated 25th February 1953 issued by the Chief Electrical Engineer to Messrs. Unni & Co. is also placed on the table as asked for by Sri Rama Rao.

I said in answering a supplementary by Sri T. Mariappa, that I would obtain information as to whether a tender at Rs. 2-8-6 per pound had been accepted on the very day and just before the tender of Messrs. Unni & Co. was accepted. The information is to the effect that that is not the case.

I take this opportunity of correcting an answer which I furnished in replying to another supplementary by Sri M. V. Rama Rao. He asked whether tenders were invited for copper wire by the Stores Purchase Committee and my reply was in the affirmative. But the position is that the order with Messrs. Unni & Co. in November 1952 was a revival of the earlier order with certain modified terms. Other replies furnished by me on the basis that tenders were called for will also have to stand corrected accordingly, I might in this connection invite the attention of Hon'ble Members to the fact that questions similar to these have been covered in question No. 137 of the last Budget Session to which replies have already been furnished. I very much regret that these mistakes occurred in answering supplementary questions.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

Closure of Arasappa's Silk Factory, Bangalore.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri J. Mohamed Imam and three others have given notice of an adjournment motion as follows:—

> "That this House do stand adjourned to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence, namely, the closure of Sri D. Arasappa's Silk Factory at Bangalore resulting in the throwing out of employment of about 1,000 workers."

As Hon'ble Members are aware, lockouts and strikes cannot form the proper subject of adjournment motions. In the present case, it is clear that the factory is a private factory and that no administrative responsibility of the